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In re Application of BAVARI et al.

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Serial No.: 09/465,276

Filed: December 16, 1999

For: Antibodies Against Type A Botulinum Neurotoxin

Today's date: April 3, 2002

Examiner: Zeman, R.

Group Art Unit: 1645

Attny Docket: 003/175/SAP

RESPONSE

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 3, 2001 in the above-mentioned application, the date for response hereby extended to include today's date by petition and payment of the proper fees herewith.

Kindly amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

(Amended). Monoclonal antibody 6B2-2, produced from hybridoma cell line having accession number ATCC PTA-969.

(Amended). The continuous hybridoma cell line having deposit accession number ATCC PTA-969, and clones thereof.

14 (Amended). A method for detecting BoNT/A said method comprising:

(i) incubating a sample with an effective amount of at least one monoclonal antibody against BoNT/A, under

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Transmitted for filing herewith are the following items:

[x] Response to Office Action dated December 3, 2001

[x] Petition is hereby made to extend the original due date of March 3, 2002 to cover the date of this paper accompanied by the extension fee of: (Large/Small entity: [x] 1 mo. \$110/\$55
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[] 3 mos. \$930/\$465
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Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231, on the date of <u>3 April 2002</u>.

Respectfully submitted,

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